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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert H. "Bob" Coyle of Peoria, who passed away on January 17, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Coyle was born on January 1, 1926 in Peoria to Henry and Helen (nee Kern) Coyle; he attended St. Bernard's Grade School and Peoria High School, where he served as class president, student body president, and Mid-State Student Council President, and he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; he served his country in the United States Army Air Corps as a flight crew radio operator over the North Atlantic during World War II; he married Shirley Ann Critchlow on August 28, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Following his service in the military, Robert Coyle earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois and began his career at the Caterpillar Tractor Company; he spent 35 years in sales and marketing, representing Caterpillar all over North America and as far away as Tokyo, Japan; he retired as the Global Sales Manager in December of 1983; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Robert Coyle founded his own company, the R.M. Coyle Company of Peoria, Inc. on January 2,

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1 1984; the company steadily grew, changing its name to the Coyle  
2 Insurance Agency and finally merging with another company to  
3 form Gallagher Coyle in Peoria; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Coyle enjoyed spending time with family and  
5 friends and playing golf at the Country Club of Peoria and at  
6 clubs in Alabama and Arizona; he was a member of Rotary North  
7 and a dedicated fan of the Chicago Bears and of all the  
8 "Illini" teams; he was also a member of St. Philomena Parish;  
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10 WHEREAS, Robert Coyle was preceded in death by his parents;  
11 his son, Timothy Critchlow Coyle; his sisters, Margaret (Jack)  
12 Bulger and Claire (Henry) Huser; and his brothers, William  
13 (Joan), Phillip (Sally), and John (Susan) Coyle; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Coyle is survived by his wife of more than  
15 65 years, Shirley; his children, Susan Marie (Richard)  
16 Gualandi, Robert Michael (Lynn) Coyle, Bonnie Kathleen (Terry)  
17 Essington, Peter Thomas (Katherine) Coyle, and Mary Colleen  
18 (Christopher) Mathis; his 13 grandchildren; his 13  
19 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Alice (Dick) Healy;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Robert H. "Bob" Coyle, and extend our sincere condolences to  
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Robert Coyle as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.